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BBMP made payment of Rs 49 lakh to contractor for food that was never supplied at function, as per audit report

TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN

'Rs 2,657 cr paid illegally to contractors; Payments of Rs 6,441 crore objectionable'

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) hogged the limelight for its magnanimity, patience and the time allocated to select 500 people for the Kempegowda awards in 2018. The award ceremony held on September 1 stretched to four hours resulting in chaos at the venue.

The amusing thing was the civic body making a huge payment to a contractor for the food that was never supplied to either BBMP employees or awardees at the aforementioned ceremony.

The BBMP had assigned M/s Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited to supply coffee/tea, snacks and food for those attending or participating in the Kempegowda Jayanthi celebrations.

The chief auditor of the BBMP has found that the civic body postponed the Kempegowda Jayanthi celebrations twice – on August 8 and 16 – due to some reasons and finally

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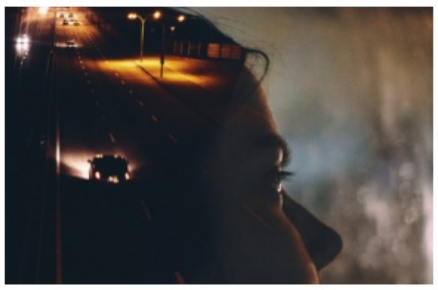
"It is nothing but misappropriation of funds meant for developmental works... BBMP must recover the amount from authorities responsible..."

— BH Veeresh, Mahithihakku Adhyayanakendra

Right of passage at late hours

Women in city explore alternatives to app-based cab travel to airport, outskirts during late hours



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With Bengaluru's pitiable roads and infamous traffic, long commutes can be strenuous, especially late at night due to a lack of extended public transport services and over-charging cabs and autos.

However, for women, safety also becomes a concern along with the high transport cost. Recently, a few women BM spoke to said that they have been exploring alternatives to app-based cabs, especially to travel to the airport and outskirts destinations during late hours.

"I had a flight from the airport at 6:00 am for which I was advised to reach at least three hours early owing to the festive rush. Bengaluru airport is 45 km from my place and the cabs always charge Rs 1,500-2,000 minimum. But with night charges it came close to Rs 3,000. More than the cost, the safety issue was a concern for me as I was traveling alone. There is no metro connectivity to the airport and buses do not ply late at night," said Prathiksha R, a resident of Kanakapura Road.

Women in the city have been relying on BMTC Vayu Vajra buses and Pink cabs to travel to and from the airport during late hours.

"I had to come back late from the airport a few months ago; my parents couldn't come to pick me up as they were not

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Rhythm and beats

London International Arts Festival (LIAF) is back with its eleventh edition. Hosted by Dhruv Arts, the event is a celebration of the city's most exciting music. The virtual event will feature an eclectic line-up of artists. The performance would mark the celebration of many colourful cultures of global music.
Where: virtual, streamed from Bengaluru; When: Tuesday to Friday, December 29 to 30

02 Best art forms

Grab an opportunity to visit the grand Rajasthani exhibition that brings the most celebrated artforms from the western region of India. Handmade jewellery, carpets, durries, mojaris/jutis, marble crafts, colorful fabrics like Bandhani and more. The exhibition also aims to bring together rural artisans from eastern India and their artforms.
Where: Banashankari Mahila Samaja 45, 30th Main, Near-South Indian Bank, Banashankari 3rd Stage; When: December 29 to January 15; 10 am to 8:30 pm

03 Dramatic works

If you are a lover of theatre plays, here's a chance for you to watch the leading amateur theatre group of Karnataka, Antharanga. For the past 42 years the group has been actively involved in performing varieties of plays. The three days drama festival is absolutely free and will be conducting discussion on the first day, followed by performing two plays, directed by Hulugappa Kattimani.
Where: KH Kalasoudha, Hanumanthanagar When: December 29 to 30; 6:30 pm

Prevent the spread

Girl students wearing face masks to attend classes after the Karnataka government made masks mandatory at public and closed places in Bengaluru.

App rising at schools

City schools are now opting to develop their own applications for faster communication with parents, general ease of exchanging information

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School apps have various features like digital diary, lesson plans, announcement tabs, blog pages for students, and more; they have become a hit since the pandemic, according to school staff

Since the pandemic, conventional classroom learning has changed in many ways. For almost two years, online classes became the new normal for the students and schools. Now, most private schools have started online learning and services alongside classes through their own mobile applications.

Some private schools had their own applications to facilitate services like fee payments for parents and more, while the others have recently developed the apps as an extension to classroom learning.

According to Father Sunil Fernandes, the principal of St Joseph's Boys' High School, mobile applications have become an integral part for both school management and parents.

"We use two applications; one is Pupilpod, through which we update parents about any circulars, notices, students' attendance status, and whatever homework is assigned on a daily basis. In addition to that, the marks for tests and midterms are also generated through the app," he said.

This app has been there for several years and has been working very smoothly for both the parents and school management, he added.

"We have another application as well since we need to communicate with the parents on multiple levels these days and with better coordination. The problem with SMS services is that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) sometimes takes about 24 hours to give approval to send some messages," he explained.

In the last few years, the school started to give out instant notices in case of emergencies through its own SJBHS app so that the parents get notifications immediately.

The development of a mobile application might bear a cost factor for the schools, but for most elite private schools it is not a huge issue.

"There is an initial cost and regular maintenance cost as well, but communication and coordination are more important.

Covid has been a blessing in disguise for the digitalisation of education, especially for the schools in urban areas," he further added. Besides online lectures and video lessons, these applications help in several other services as well.

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> – Manjula, Vice president, Orchid International

Manjula, Vice President- Academics, Orchids International School, told Bangalore Mirror that their school app can be used for online classes, but it also has features like class timetable management, annual calendar, digital diary, class work and homework, e-books, lesson plans, fee payment facilities, blogs page for students, announcement tabs for messages and circulars, and grievance tab for parents to express their issues. "In the traditional approach, parents had to wait till evening to check the diary or hardcopy of the circular. With these apps, schools are able to provide a communication channel to the parents," she said.

The schools added that since the dependency on digital platforms has increased for students, parents as well as school managements, it has become crucial to be equipped with mobile applications to facilitate day to day school related activities.

Check, check, party check

Police scrutinise measures taken to make sure we give safe farewell to 2022

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As 2022 is about to come to an end, and revellers wait for a party to bid the year goodbye, city police too are gearing up to make sure all's well that ends well.

City Police Commissioner Pratap Reddy Commissioner visited MG Road, Church Street, Koramangala and Indiranagar on Wednesday to inspect if the hotels and pubs are following the new covid protocols. He also inspected hotels for the coming new year eve celebrations.

"Permission has been given for the new year celebration after two years of covid lockdown and restrictions. The government and police have permitted celebrations up to 1 am. The area around Brigade Road is going to be the most crowded. Measures like creating access points and metal detectors will be in place," said Reddy.

He and other officers visited Brigade Road and reviewed crowd control arrangements.

You are under watch

In order to avert problems and maintain law and order, the Bengaluru police has declared that they would be closely observing the celebrations. The police also issued a warning to lawbreakers and announced that additional CCTV and drone cameras will be used to monitor the entire city.

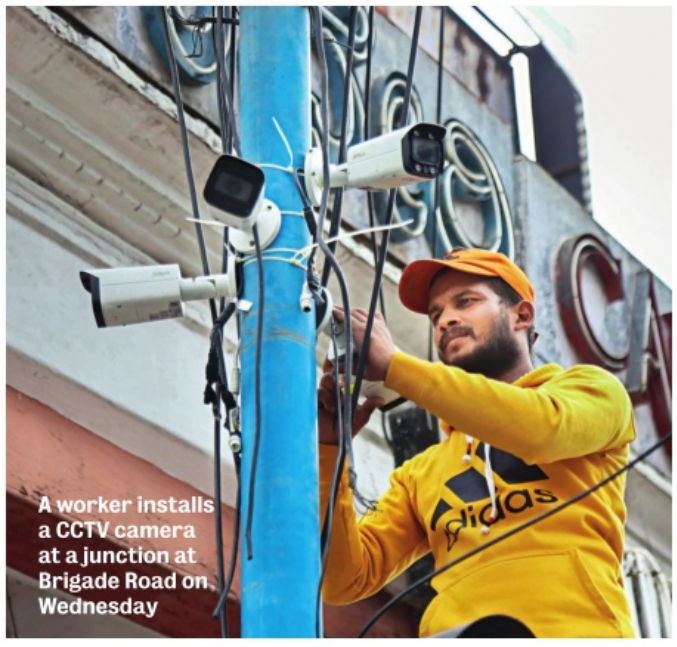
"We have checked for CCTV cameras in crowded spaces. We have been meeting with hotel and bar owners for the last one week to discuss precautionary measures during the celebrations," added Reddy.

He also took a report from ADGP Sandeep Patil and DCP Srinivas Gowda about the arrangements, checkpoints and details of alternate parking arrangements.

The department has also issued an order stating that businesses will have to take a mandatory license to use loudspeakers under the noise pollution (regulation and control) rules.

As a result of the increase in covid-19 cases in different parts of the world, the state government has issued an advisory stating that, "All celebrations in regards with New Year's Eve (December 31, 2022) and New Year's Day (January 1, 2023) should be concluded by 1 am on January 1 & January 2, respectively."

Along with schools, colleges, malls, and movie theatres, the Karnataka government mandated the wearing of masks at pubs, clubs, and restaurants as well.



A worker installs a CCTV camera at a junction at Brigade Road on Wednesday

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> — Pratap Reddy, City Police Commissioner

FLYOVERS TO BE SHUT FOR NY EVE

As the countdown has begun for New Year's eve, traffic police too are gearing up to meet the rush. This time, around 500 traffic police personnel will be posted on the roads to ensure smooth flow of traffic. Special Commissioner (Traffic) MA Saleem said, "This year, we have decided to deploy traffic wardens to manage traffic on the roads as well.

With 500-plus cops and traffic wardens, we hope that there won't be any shortage of manpower at all. Like the previous years, even this year, all the flyovers will be barred for traffic on December 31 night. The flyovers will be shut as there is a tendency for a few motorists to go on fast drives, drag race or do wheelies. Besides this, we will set up temporary check posts and barricades to ensure discipline is instilled among the vehicle users."

Police say that they are expecting more traffic on NY eve this time. Saleem said, "During the last weekend, we saw how there was heavy traffic due to the Christmas holidays. So, we are preparing ourselves to tackle heavy traffic on NY eve this year as well. Usually, we see huge congregations around MG Road and we can expect traffic congestion. So, we are making all the possible arrangements."

Police are also asking people to make sure they are not driving drunk. Police are suggesting that revellers use cabs instead. Many hoteliers said that they are not providing parking space for visitors who have booked for NY parties as they want the customers to use cabs and be safe.

Recently, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that the NY parties should end at 1 am and within an hour, the crowd should be disbursed and everyone should reach home.

Loan fraud: Cops on gang's trail

A case has been filed with the Vyyalikaval police against a gang from Chennai that is said to have cheated people of crores of rupees on the pretext of giving them loans.

These fraudsters lured the customers by claiming to give loans even if the CIBIL score of a person was low. The customers who were forced to pay for insurance, legal valuation and verification for the loan, deposited money in the company's account.

Later the five accused escaped after collecting lakhs of rupees from the customers claiming that it was for insurance. In this regard, those who have been cheated have filed a complaint at the police station.

The accused have been identified as Saminath Subbaiahchetty, Laxminarayan, Suguna, Venkatesh and Balu. The police have laid a trap for the accused as of now. After preliminary investigation, it is suspected that the accused Saminath had committed fraud in other states as well.

Murder case: 5 arrested

Police have arrested five more accused in connection with the murder case that came to light on Tuesday. A man, Sarath, was murdered after being tortured by a group of people. On Tuesday, the police had arrested five people in the case.

On Wednesday, five persons, Oblesh, Naveen, Sanket, Govinda and Udayaraj, were arrested.

Sarath, who had come to the city from Mysuru, was kidnapped and murdered in Chikkaballapur. Later the accused took the body to Charmadi Ghat and dumped it. So far, 10 accused have been arrested in the case, police said adding that more accused are likely to be arrested soon.

Couple on the run nabbed

The Cottonpet Police have taken a couple into custody for defrauding people. The couple, identified as Venkataraju and Hemavathy, are said to have ran off with people's money, and were arrested. They came out on bail, but failed to show up for the court trials so the police was on the lookout for them. "The couple is asking for more time to return the money they took from people," a police officer said. BMB

BDA cares diddly-squat about squatters

1,443 litigations of BDA properties pending in court as authority not interested in removing illegal occupants

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If the number of litigations pending in the court pertaining to properties owned by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is any indication, it seems the BDA is not interested in managing its properties properly.

The Karnataka Lokayukta expressed displeasure over the delay in removing illegal occupants from BDA properties. "It is observed that valuable properties belonging to the BDA cannot be illegally permitted to be occupied by third parties and it is the duty of the BDA to safeguard its properties. So, the BDA is expected to make sincere and aggressive efforts to take further steps in safeguarding its properties and file effective compliance reports periodically as already ordered," said Lokayukta.

The Lokayukta ordered re-list the matter on February 10, 2023. BDA Engineer Member HR Shantharajanna submitted to the Lokayukta that

action is being initiated in a phased manner for removal of unauthorised occupation after verifying the pendency of litigations and court orders, if any, passed.

The Lokayukta said the BDA has taken action to clear the encroachments on four of its properties. According to the report submitted by the BDA, litigations pertaining to 1,443 properties are pending.

Sai Datta, a social activist, had filed a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta on July 20, 2017, seeking a direction to the BDA to conduct a land audit. Justice P Vishwanath Shetty, Lokayukta of the time, ordered the BDA to provide data on its properties. The BDA, after four years of Lokayukta's directive, made its land audit public on July 12, 2021.

The land audit, conducted by E1 Technologies, revealed the BDA had acquired 37,168 acres to develop 64 layouts and buildings were constructed on 7,059 acres acquired after paying compensation to land owners. The report stated the BDA is yet to use 1,171 acres. It also stated that buildings are constructed on 11,399 acres of land notified by the BDA. The audit report stated that 1,207 acres of the notified land is vacant and the BDA is yet to compensate the landowners.

Are we really pothole free? Perhaps not yet

State of service road near Veerannapalya, hanging flyover counters BBMP claims

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These roads, full of craters and badly maintained, contradict the BBMP statement that the city is now free of potholes, motorists and other vehicles owners are still complaining about a hard time on the streets

While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) claims that they have been filling up potholes all over the city and restoring roads that are dug up to lay down pipes, the ground reality paints a different picture. The existence of potholes on flyovers, for instance, counters those claims.

The condition of the service road near Veerannapalya junction is very bad. Motorists need to be extremely cautious when they commute on this road that was dug up for laying underground drainage pipes a few months ago. It is yet to be restored.

"The road is in a poor condition. It is very difficult for two-wheeler riders to use this stretch. The condition of the service roads on both sides of the flyover is not good. I want the BBMP authorities to restore these roads as early as possible for the welfare of motorists," said Yesu Raj, a resident of Hutchins Road who commutes frequently on the service road near Veerannapalya.

Expressing concern over the delay in restoring the road, Hussain Shaik, a resident of Nagawara told Bangalore Mirror that the condition of the road has been deteriorating every day. "It becomes slushy when it rains and is full of dust at other times.

The BBMP has been claiming to have spent more money to fill up potholes and restore roads that are dug up for various reasons, but they are yet to complete the task of restoring roads," said Shaik.

Flyovers are also not free from potholes. There are many potholes on the hanging flyover. Some of the flower pots kept on the divider are broken, but the authorities concerned have not taken measures to replace them or even fill up potholes on the surface of the flyover. The condition of the flyover near Veerannapalya is not all that different from the hanging bridge.

> **"There is a lot to do for maintenance of flyovers and underpasses on ORR. There is sand near Benniganahalli flyover** – Mohan babu, resident

Recently, a resident of Nagawara was compelled to use a concrete mix to fill up potholes on the flyover. The uneven surface of the potholes filled with concrete mix has become a hurdle for two-wheeler riders. "There is a lot to do for the maintenance of flyovers and underpasses on Outer Ring Road. There is a lot of sand at the entrance of the ramp (Old Madras Road side) of Benniganahalli flyover. There is nothing to celebrate about the condition of the other underpasses on this stretch," said Mohan Babu S, a resident of Kalyana Nagar.

Meanwhile, a BBMP assistant executive engineer said that he would report the condition of the service roads to higher authorities.

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Failed promise

OMBR Layout

BWSSB dug up this hole a week back in 4th Main, OMBR Layout, promising to white cement it after repairs, but did not come back.

Abandoned cars

Nandini Layout

Several unused and abandoned vehicles have been dumped on the busy roads all across Bengaluru – like this one near the Nandini Layout Police Station.

There's some hope for Hebbal flyover

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The widening of the Hebbal flyover has got a shot in the arm with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) permitting the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to take up the work on December 14. The project was halted on August 10, 2019 as the airport line that connects Nagawara junction to Yelahanka via Hebbal was being taken up. The issue was then taken up at a high-level meeting on April 29, 2022 and it was decided that the BDA could take up the work.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds the Bengaluru in-charge portfolio, said, "The BDA had earlier taken up widening of Hebbal junction at a cost of Rs 80 crore. As per the plan, an additional lane was constructed to cater to the vehicles coming from airport side to the city, and a unidirectional underpass to cater to traffic from Tumakuru to KR Puram side was taken up. So far, Rs 24.49 crore has been spent on expansion work." Although traffic police have been taking up short term measures, experts say that long term plans are needed to unclog the Hebbal flyover.

Some experts are also suggesting demolishing the current flyover and building a fresh one. However, others say this would be a colossal waste of money and time. Since Hebbal is the gateway to north Bengaluru and an important junction connecting two arms of the Outer Ring Road, it would not be feasible to demolish it.

The authorities have been trying every trick to decongest the flyover. Earlier, there was a proposal to open the at-grade road (on the railway line). However, South Western Railways shot down the proposal.

Proposal for two lanes

According to a traffic expert, the major problem is at the intersection of the KR Puram loop and the main carriageway. "Vehicles from Nagawara merge with the airport traffic, leading to a huge gridlock, which sometimes extends to half a kilometre. Additionally, the six-lane road with a service road narrows down to an almost two-lane way.

Congestion on the Hebbal flyover (File photo); some experts had suggested demolishing it

Adding two more lanes could considerably decongest the Hebbal flyover. This would also create additional capacity for traffic movement," he said.

Recently, city police have experimented by banning heavy truck movement during peak hours.

The Hebbal flyover was thrown open to traffic on May 29, 2003 when SM Krishna was the Chief Minister. However, things changed when the BDA constructed the ORR via Hebbal. With the airport shifting from HAL to Devanahalli, traffic on this route increased exponentially.

Change of Name

I Sneha H.R. Naidu D/o H.G.Ravi R/a KEB Circle College Road, Hosakote Town-562114, Bangalore Rural District, stating that my name is Sneha H.R. Naidu mentioned in Birth Certificate. (Old Registered Number 2002-B-3934 BNC FNC AND MNC ON 12/12/2022) But my name mentioned in some documents as **Sneha H.R.** only. So I intend to change my name for the sake of my future and further authentic my name will be **Sneha H.R. Naidu,** Sworn before R.Jyshree Advocate and Notary, Hosakote vide affidavit dated 27.12.2022.

Rowdy elements in politics stir debate

With a debate raging over a few rowdy sheeters planning to enter the political arena, data from the Home Ministry reveals that Bengaluru City has 7,526 rowdy sheeters. Police have also closed rowdy sheets against 788 people in Bengaluru in the last three years.

According to data provided by the Home Ministry, 266 people were removed from the rowdy sheet in 2022 alone.

The highest number of removals came from the north east division (161), followed by west (25), east (24), south east (18), north (15), central (11), south (nine) and Whitefield (three).

At the Legislative Council, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said, "As per the Karnataka Police manual, a police inspector recommends the removal of the rowdy sheet to his seniors on the following grounds; either the person has not been involved in any crime or rowdy activities in the last 10 years; not convicted in any case; no pending cases before any court, one who has attained the age of 60 and above; a person who has been suffering from ill health or someone who has displayed good behaviour."

A senior police official said the rowdy issue was back in the news after a few were spotted during political rallies recently. "It has sparked a debate whether a rowdy sheeter can come back to public life or not. As police, our duty is not just to catch criminals but also give them a chance to reform. If there are any previous rowdy sheeters who have bid goodbye to crime and want to enter public life, we should always encourage them. However, we need to follow all the rules in place." Some police officials disagree. "If anyone wants to take a short cut to public life by taking a political route, then it can be harmful as well," said the officer. **-BMB**

Raid in Andhra Pradesh leads to big arrest

Bengaluru-based notorious rowdy sheeter Sameer Khan, alias Boss, has been arrested under the command of Seshadripuram police team. He was arrested while hiding inside a dargah in Delhi.

Sameer khan, also known as 'Boss', has 16 cases against him in various police stations

Khan is an accused in 16 cases. According to the police, there are several cases against him which are registered in different stations including SG Palya, Mico Layout, Wilson Garden, and Seshadripuram in Bengaluru.

City police were looking for him after Andhra Pradesh police recently conducted a raid and found illegal arms. According to the police, the rowdy sheeter was supplying arms to the people arrested in the raid.

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Food for fraud at civic body

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organised the function on the evening of September 1. The Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited supplied only high tea to the participants and BBMP employees at the function and no food items were served.

However, the BBMP paid Rs 49,01,495 to M/s Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited — as per voucher no. 3659 — on December 24, 2018. According to the audit report, bills were submitted to the BBMP for three days – August 8, 16 and September 1 – claiming that food and snacks were supplied to BBMP employees, participants and others.

The chief auditor wrote a letter (no. 58) on October 8, 2020, seeking an explanation from the BBMP authorities for making payment for the food that was not supplied on two occasions: on August 8 and 16. The explanation from the BBMP was quite amusing. It claimed that groceries, vegetables, fruits and other items were procured one day before the function and some of the food items were cooked on the previous night; it also stated that only a few food items had to be cooked on the next day — the day the function was held.

The BBMP chief accounts officer, as per the audit report, claimed that the contractor supplied snacks, coffee, tea, badam milk and high tea in the evenings of those two days, August 8 and 16, to the participants, and that the BBMP paid the amount without deducting this amount from the bill submitted by M/s Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited.

However, the chief auditor directed the BBMP to recover the money paid to M/s Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited for supplying tea, coffee, snacks, badam milk and high tea, and classified the amount - Rs 49,01,495 - paid to the contractor as objectionable.

Meanwhile, Mahithihakku Adhyayanakendra managing trustees BH Veeresh and S Amaresh complained to the BBMP chief commissioner and urged to take measures to recover Rs 2,657 crore paid illegally to the contractors by the BBMP and requested to provide documents or explanations for Rs 6,441 crore classified as objectionable payments.

"It is nothing but misappropriation of funds meant for developmental works. We have been demanding the BBMP to recover the amount from the authorities responsible for making payments to the contractors," said Veeresh.

Veeresh said some of the engineers and BBMP authorities responsible for making payments to the contractors have either passed away or retired from service.

"As per the norm, the chief accounts officer has to verify whether there are any complaints or allegations against a BBMP engineer or an employee who retires from service. The chief accounts officer did not bother to verify before allowing the retired employee or engineer to avail retirement benefits," he said.

Amaresh, meanwhile, questioned the need of auditing if the BBMP continues misusing funds meant for developmental works. "I demand the BBMP chief commissioner take measures to recover or collect the amount without any delay," said Amaresh.

Aam Aadmi Party Karnataka spokesperson K Mathai said cash-strapped BBMP must act tough on defaulters and outstanding arrears of Rs 9,000 crore in taxes must be levied immediately.

"BBMP officials who delay collection of arrears must be punished in accordance with law and those who collect arrears promptly must be rewarded. Those who are intentionally involved in dereliction of duty have to be dismissed from service," Mathai said.

Women's safety & late night travel

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in the city. They were worried about me taking a cab alone as the flight was landing at 10:00 pm. It usually takes two hours or so to reach home from the airport.

With the help of some people at the airport, luckily, I was able to get information about the Vayu Vajra bus leaving from the airport towards my area. It is much safer, especially for women, as there are always people around; it is much cheaper too," said Drishti Raj K, a resident of Banashankari.

"On the other hand, it only makes sense for the people who live near bus stations that are on Vayu Vajra routes. For me, there's a bus stand just 3 km from my place. I can take an auto or ask for a carpool till the bus stop easily but it is not yet available in all areas. Also, there is not enough information about the routes, timings, and such," she added further.

However, women told BM that the last buses operate between 12:30 to 1:00 am at night. Taxi services like GoPink Cabs operating at the airport, which have female drivers, are also becoming increasingly popular among women.

"There are other private cab operators that send women drivers if you request them. I have a few contacts of such operators and try to use only the cab services that I have used earlier and rely less on app-based cabs. They have fixed charges no matter what time of the day you are traveling," said Shreya, another resident of Bengaluru.

The BMTC has increased the number of bus services to the airport this year and introduced new routes for Vayu Vajra buses, catering to the increasing demand in the city.

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Homebuyers fight for transparency, clarity

Karnataka Home Buyers Forum urge state govt to issue clear notifications

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The Karnataka Home Buyers Forum, an umbrella body of hundreds of homebuyers/apartment owner associations in Karnataka and an activists group working for the protection of their rights, recently wrote to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to bring forth transparency and clear notifications to help them.

The forum stated that a large number of apartment complexes have submitted their property details under Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act (KAOA), 1972. Although the Act is 50 years old, apartment owners are facing grave challenges due to its non-implementation.

The jurisdictional Sub-Registrar Officer (SRO) is registering the deed of declaration as required by the KAOA, but they have no authority to register with an apartment owners' association. Promoters are inserting the by-laws of the association along with the deed of declaration for registration.

The forum said that this has resulted in the SRO obtaining the seal and signature of the SRO on the by-laws. "This, although incorrect, conveys the message that the association is registered by the SRO. Subsequently, the apartment owners are obtaining PAN card and GST registration based on this document to facilitate opening of bank accounts," they said in the letter. KAOA section 2 (4) (i) defines the competent authority as 'Registrar of Co-Operative Society', hence, the SRO should refrain from affixing their seal and signature on by-laws and memorandum that the builder submits along with the declaration of deed and avoid misleading homebuyers by the promoters.

Sanchalak Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar from the forum said the state government has not given a proper direction to homebuyers to protect their interest on project land title and effective functioning of association. "The KOFA and RERA must be implemented in Karnataka to ensure association of allottees be formed under Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act or Company Act, which become body corporate to hold title of the apartment and get legal status to sign the contracts with service providers," said Padmanabhachar.

Non-implementation of Apartment Ownership Act is creating a problem

> **The sub registrar office puts a seal and sign on a set of papers given by errant builders as by-laws of association. Builders then use this to fool buyers** –SD Padmanabhachar, Homebuyers Forum

He said that the Registrar of Cooperative Society is the only competent authority for registering housing cooperative societies. "However, in Karnataka, the sub registrar officer is putting a seal and signature on a set of papers submitted by the errant builders as by-laws of association. Later, they are fooling homebuyers by saying this is a registered association as there is SRO sign and seal," he said.

Homebuyers need to understand that if the association is not a body corporate, they cannot take conveyance deeds from builders after the project is completed. If there is no conveyance deed, they will lose the rights on the project land title as the builder or landowners continue to own the project land in government records.

Naval Veteran Commander Surendra (retired) told BM, "The Sub-Registrar is not authorised to register the document of an association. We have availed this information under the right to information act." Chandrachur Bhattacharya, an advocate, advised homebuyers to approach the Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for justice. "Homebuyers have to fight for their rights," he added.

'Pourakarmikas' jobs to be regularised soon'

#BELAGAVI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said services of the remaining 30,867 "Pourakarmikas" (civic workers) working in the State will be regularised in the coming days.

He also felt that they should be addressed as "Poura Naukaras" and not "Pourakarmikas", stating that calling them by a different name will give them a sense of self-respect and dignity.

He was speaking after distributing the appointment letters to the civic workers of various local bodies here.

"There are 42,000 civic workers working in the State, of which the services of 11,133 people have been regularised. The services of others will be regularised in the coming days," Bommai said.

Pointing out that the risk allowance of Rs 2,000 has been announced for the civic workers in the budget, he further said, the existing law has been changed to protect their interest and to make them live with a sense of dignity and self-reliance.

File photo of a protest by pourakarmikas at Freedom Park

In Belagavi district, the services of 309 cleaners and 1,437 loaders have been made permanent, and the process for regularising the services of others is on, he said.

Bommai said at any cost the education of the children of civic workers must not be hampered and the government is ready to address the problems.

"They must study well and reach top posts. Such social changes will be made. The reservation for SC/ST has been hiked and all steps will be taken to stand by this decision. The government has recognised the services of the civic workers and will provide a good education to their children to make their future bright," he said.

The Chief Minister said he will be giving instructions to officials to prepare a list of the children of civic workers who are set to appear for the upcoming degree examination in March next year and would arrange special training for the competitive examination. **–PTI**

No need for show of strength: CM

#BELAGAVI

Complimenting the Karnataka Police, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said it is working with dedication and policemen must not make a show of strength in the border areas but must be in constant touch with the citizens and resolve their issues. In remarks after inaugurating the new office of the Commissioner of Police of Belagavi here, he said that it will be beneficial if the problems of border areas are solved.

Bommai said of late, disruptive activities are taking place but even the detection of crime is also happening swiftly as police are working with utmost dedication.

Activist Vatal Nagaraj protests over the border issue, in Bengaluru

He said that police station buildings for which he had laid foundation stones as the Home Minister are now being inaugurated. Receipt of FSL report within 15 days will help to keep the crimes under check, he said. Over 100 new police station buildings are being built in one year. **–IANS**

Probe into Mysuru church vandalism

After vandalism in a church in Karnataka's Mysuru left a statue of baby Jesus damaged just days after Christmas, police said they are checking CCTV footage and arrests were expected soon.

According to the police, on Tuesday some unidentified persons vandalised the St. Mary's Church adjacent to Gonikoppa Road in Piriyapatna, as a result of which several items here, including the statue of Baby Jesus, were found damaged.

"We have formed a team to nab the culprits. Also, we are looking for the CCTV footage as recorded in the nearby cameras," Superintendent of Police (SP) Mysuru, Seema Latkar said.

She further said that the matter appears to be a case of theft as the money box and other valuables have been taken away.

The incident happened two days after Christmas, for which all the necessary arrangements for the convenience of pilgrims were made. **–ANI**

Inter-college cricket tourney

A one-day inter college cricket tournament was organised by Sri Aurobindo Degree College, Rajajinagar on December 28 at Malleswaram playground. A total of 16 teams showed up at the event with great enthusiasm. The tournament was inaugurated and declared open by TN Ravi Prakash, the chairman of RES, Suhas Bagalkotkar, vice-chairman, RES, Srinivas Rajpurohit, secretary, RES, Prakash Katti, member, RES and Dr Sailaja M, principal of Sri Aurobindo Degree College, were also present at the event. The teams and spectators enjoyed the inauguration ceremony and the matches.

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Covid-19: All eyes on crucial next 40 days

Air Suvidha forms, RT-PCR tests for international fliers 72 hours before departure and more steps being planned

#NEW DELHI

Filling Air Suvidha forms and having RT-PCR test reports 72 hours prior to departure are likely to be made mandatory next week for all international passengers from China, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore, said Union Health Ministry sources on Wednesday.

Further, according to sources in the Union Health ministry, the next 40 days will be crucial as India may see a surge in Covid cases in mid-January.

The sources further added that the assessment was made after analysing the previous trends of the Covid surge in the country.

Amid the explosion in Covid cases in some countries, the operational readiness of healthcare facilities is under review in all states and Union Territories in anticipation of another wave.

Two passengers from Dubai tested positive for Covid at the Chennai airport on Wednesday.

"Two passengers, who arrived from Dubai, tested positive at the Chennai airport today. Both of hail from the Alangudi district of Tamil Nadu's Pudukkottai. Their test samples have been sent to the State Public Health Laboratory," read a statement issued by the Tamil Nadu Health department on Wednesday.

At least 39 international fliers tested positive for Covid between December 24 and 26. Taking due cognisance of the global surge in cases, including China, the Centre had directed random testing of international passengers.

"Passengers of as many as 498 international flights were screened in the last three days -- December 24, 25 and 26. A total of 1,780 swab samples were collected for Covid tests. The cumulative number of samples collected (from international fliers), so far, is 3,994. The cumulative number of samples testing positive for Covid is 39 and of samples sent for whole genome sequencing is 39," a source told ANI on Tuesday.

Employees wearing facemasks work at the production and packing of the facemasks in a factory in Ahmedabad on Wednesday

2 cr Covishield doses to Centre free of cost

The Serum Institute of India (SII) has offered two crore doses of Covishield vaccine to the central government free of cost amid a rise in COVID-19 cases in some countries, official sources said on Wednesday. According to an official source, Prakash Kumar Singh, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs at the Serum Institute, has written to the Health Ministry offering the doses worth Rs 410 crore free of cost. It is learnt that Singh has sought to know from the ministry how the delivery can be made.
SII has so far provided more than 170 crore doses of Covishield to the government for the national immunisation programme. – PTI

In light of the Covid surge in several countries, hospitals across the country on Tuesday conducted mock drills to assess their pandemic preparedness. The same was done in compliance with a directive issued by the Centre.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya personally oversaw one such mock drill at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. "To make sure that there is no Covid surge in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked us to be careful. The government is also making necessary preparations in anticipation of a rise in Covid infections. Today, mock drills are being conducted across Covid hospitals in the country to make sure people receive proper treatment in the eent of a rise in cases," Mandaviya told reporters on Tuesday.

Fourth dose? No need

Several countries are administering a third and even fourth Covid booster shot but India, where many fully vaccinated individuals have not taken even one, is not there yet, say experts while stressing on the need for a structured and systematic response. Besides, the situation in India where a large number of people have been exposed to the virus and also been vaccinated is quite different, they said. – Agencies

Former Maha minister Deshmukh walks out of prison after over a year

#Mumbai

More than one year after he was arrested in an alleged corruption case, former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh was released on bail on Wednesday. The 73-year-old Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader was greeted by senior leaders of his party as he walked out of Mumbai's Arthur Road prison around 4.45 pm.

On Tuesday, the Bombay High Court had refused to further stay its order granting him bail in a corruption case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

"I have full faith in the judiciary....the high court has observed that I was implicated in a false case," Deshmukh said, as NCP leaders Ajit Pawar, Jayant Patil, Supriya Sule, Dilip Walse-Patil and Chhagan Bhujbal besides hordes of party workers welcomed him.

Referring to dismissed police officer Sachin Waze, Deshmukh said the ED and CBI based their cases against him on the allegations made by an officer who had been suspended after his name cropped up in the case related to the explosives-laden SUV found near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's south Mumbai residence.

Anil Deshmukh with his wife Aarti Deshmukh outside Siddhivinayak Temple, after being released from Arthur Road jail, in Mumbai

"It is very sad that just because of Waze's allegations, I had to spend time in jail. He is now arrested in two murder cases, the NIA also booked him. (Retired IPS officer) Param Bir Singh's allegations also turned out to be false," Deshmukh further said.

Deshmukh was first arrested by the ED on November 2, 2021 in an alleged money-laundering case. It was based on a First Information Report registered by the CBI in an alleged corruption case on April 21, 2021. – PTI

Woman gang-raped in cab on Yamuna Expressway in Agra

#Noida/Agra

A woman was allegedly gang-raped on the Yamuna Expressway in Agra by three occupants of her shared taxi which she had boarded from Noida, police said Wednesday.

The accused later dropped the woman along the expressway under the Etmadpur police station area and fled the spot, a senior official said, adding that the incident took place on Tuesday night.

The three accused have been apprehended, said the Agra police, which launched a probe into the matter on Wednesday morning after the woman approached Etmadpur police station to report the case.

"The woman had boarded the shared taxi from Sector 37 in Noida around 8.30 pm on Tuesday. The taxi was going to Firozabad from Noida. The woman claimed that three occupants of the taxi raped her on the Yamuna Expressway and dropped her at Etmadpur, from where she took an autorickshaw to Firozabad," Agra Police Commissioner Dr Preetinder Singh said. "On Wednesday morning, the woman came to Etmadpur police station and filed a complaint after which an FIR was lodged before sending her for a medical examination," Singh said.

The police commissioner said CCTV footage of toll plazas was analysed to track the taxi, a Maruti Eeco, which was used as the cab and it has been impounded.

"The three men who were involved in the case have also been apprehended," Singh added. – PTI

India squad for ICC Women's T20 World Cup announced

#Mumbai

The All-India Women's Selection Committee on Wednesday announced India's squads for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 and the tri-series in South Africa starting in January.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 is set to begin on February 10, 2023, with Team India set to begin their campaign on February 12 against arch-rival Pakistan in Cape Town. Harmanpreet Kaur is set to lead a 15-player squad, with veteran fast bowler Shikha Pandey making a comeback having last played a T20I back in October 2021. Pooja Vastrakar's inclusion in the squad is subject to fitness.

Harmanpreet will lead India for the third consecutive time in ICC Women's T20 World Cup with Smriti Mandhana acting as her deputy.

"The All-India Women's Selection Committee has picked India's squad for the tri-series in South Africa starting in January and the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023," BCCI said in an official statement.

Harmanpreet Kaur

India are in Group 2 with England, West Indies, Pakistan, and Ireland. The top two teams in each group at the end of the group stage will play in the semi-finals. The final will be held on February 26, 2023 in Cape Town.

India's squad for ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023: Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Captain), Shafali Verma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Richa Ghosh (wk) Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Deepti Sharma, Devika Vaidya, Radha Yadav, Renuka Thakur, Anjali Sarvani, Pooja Vastrakar, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Shikha Pandey

Reserves: Sabbhineni Meghana, Sneh Rana, Meghna Singh. – IANS

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That time of the year

Why holiday burnout happens – and three ways to help you recover

Although Christmas and New Year celebrations only last a few days each year, many of us spend months planning for it. But as enjoyable as all the parties and festivities might be, many people find they feel a bit burnt-out once the holidays have come and gone. This feeling has even been termed "festive burnout" or "holiday burnout". Here's why this happens – and what you can do to recover after the holidays are over.

Many of us are exposed to numerous stressors over a very short period of time throughout the holiday season – whether it's queuing for presents, sitting in traffic on the way to visit friends or family, worrying about money or even the stress of seeing family.

As soon as your brain perceives a stressor, it ignites your sympathetic nervous system, which is responsible for the body's "fight or flight" reaction. It does this to prepare your body to stay alert and get you through a stressful situation.

When the sympathetic nervous system is activated, the body produces adrenaline and begins working harder – with more blood being pumped through the heart, the lungs increasing their air intake, and eyesight and hearing being enhanced. You may experience these changes as feeling more sweaty or having a pounding chest.

But as we face up against repeated stressors during the holidays, this can lead to lasting changes within the body systems connected to this stress response – ultimately leaving you feeling burnt-out.

Specifically, it can make the sympathetic nervous system more prone to activation and dampen the effects of the parasympathetic nervous system, which helps your body balance out stress responses. Add to that the increased production of cortisol, a hormone essential in controlling your energy levels, and you may find it difficult to sleep at night, become irritated for no reason, or feel over-excited and unable to relax.

At the same time, when your cortisol activation lasts too long because of a cascade of small stressful events leading up to the holiday, your body may start producing lower daily cortisol levels, leaving it feeling drained. Eventually, the constant activation of the sympathetic nervous system inhibits your body's ability to recover from stress and feel energised throughout the day, contributing to feelings of festive burnout.

> "As we face up against repeated stressors during the holidays, it can lead to lasting changes within the body systems – ultimately leaving you feeling burnt-out

If you're finding you feel burnt-out after the holidays, here are a few things you can do to feel better and recover.

1. Reminiscence

One way to reduce the negative impact of stress is to experience positive emotions. Reminiscing can also help you get a new perspective on your experiences, which helps you see your life in a more balanced way.

You can do this activity on your own or, better yet, with your loved ones. Reminisce about the good times using prompts such as photographs. Discuss them with family and friends. If you're on your own, close your eyes and think about your memories carefully, or write them down. The more effort you put into this activity, the better your results.

Trying to re-experience the positive emotions you had during the holiday season will help remind your body what it feels like to feel good.

2. Listen to music

If you find it difficult to relax, have difficulty sleeping or feel tired even after sleeping for many hours following the holiday season, try bringing more music into your life. This is especially important before you go to sleep. Music is associated with stress reduction, and reducing stress will help ease symptoms of burnout.

It can be any music you like, so long as it does actually make you feel better. If you want to maximise the positive effect of music, listen to it throughout the day or try dancing to it – either on your own or with loved ones.

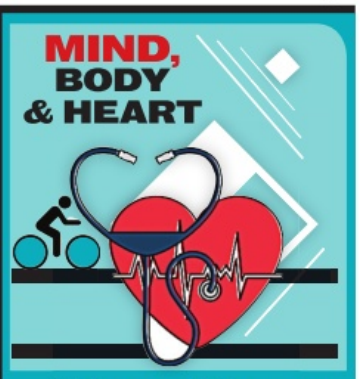
3. Anticipate a good day

For the next week, before going to bed, try to vividly imagine four positive events that could happen to you the next day. They might be as simple as receiving a text from someone you care about, going for a walk, or doing one of your favourite things.

Try to use all your senses when imagining this – then as soon as you are ready, go to bed. This technique will help you get a good night's sleep – and sleep is important for helping you to rebuild all your depleted resources and recover from burnout after the festive season.

Although festivities can certainly be stressful for many of us, remembering why we choose to celebrate with friends and family can help us to overcome any stress and burnout that we may now be experiencing.

(By Jolanta Burke, Justin Laiti, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My wife and I are 70 and have a grown-up son and a daughter, who both have children of their own. My daughter has been through a very tough year - problems in her marriage and difficulties with her son. To top it off, she fell ill a few months ago and needed a spell in hospital. As a special Christmas present, my wife and I booked a holiday for her and her son as we think she needs it and deserves it after the past year. We have been very worried about her. However, my son isn't happy about it and told us so in no uncertain terms, saying it was unfair that we'd spent so much money on her. To be honest, I was quite taken aback - he's 37 and not on the breadline by any stretch of the imagination. It's really divided the family, which seems sad and unnecessary. How can I get through to him and smooth things over?

COLEEN SAYS

Oh, dear! What a shame your lovely gesture has been spoiled by petty jealousy. It's sibling rivalry on an adult scale. I think you should speak to your son again (annoying as it is that you have to) and explain that you'd be doing the same for him if he'd been through a similarly tough time.

Right now, your daughter is the one who needs a lift. And why not ask him if he'd rather see his sister miserable, while he's doing fine?

Remind him that you didn't bring him up to be selfish and unkind. Hopefully, he'll think about what you've said and not bring it up again.

His behaviour over this might well go back to things in his childhood, but I think at 37 he needs to get over it. Don't let him divide the family and if needs be, have a summit where you can discuss it.

Finally, it's your money and you're free to do whatever you want with it!

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Multiple causes for concussion symptoms in tiny tots

According to McGill University research, different forms of brain injury produced by a concussion may cause identical symptoms in youngsters. A novel approach to investigating concussions could aid in the development of future medicines.

While most children heal completely from a concussion, some will experience long-term effects. The findings published in the journal 'eLife', assist to clarify the complex relationship that exists between symptoms and physical damage. The researchers found that certain combinations of brain damage were associated with specific symptoms such as attention difficulties. Other symptoms, such as sleep problems, occurred in children with multiple types of injuries. For example, damage to areas of the brain that are essential for controlling sleep and wakefulness could cause challenges with sleeping, as could damage to brain regions that control mood.

To do this, they examined how damage to the brain resulting from concussion affected its structural connection network, known as white matter. They then used statistical modelling techniques to see how these changes related to 19 different symptoms reported by the children or their caregivers.

"Despite decades of research, no new treatment targets and therapies for concussions have been identified in recent years," says lead author Guido Guberman, a Vanier Scholar and MDCM Candidate at McGill University. "This is likely because damage to the brain caused by concussions, and the symptoms that result from it, can vary widely across individuals. In our study, we wanted to explore the relationships that exist between the symptoms of concussion and the nature of the injury in more detail." —IANS

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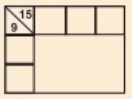
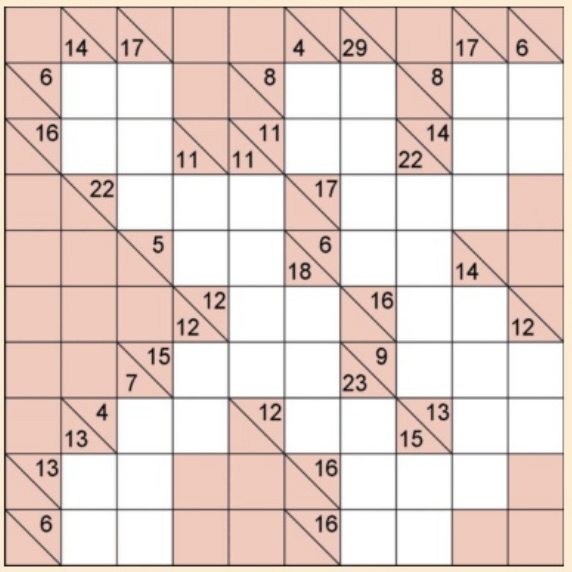
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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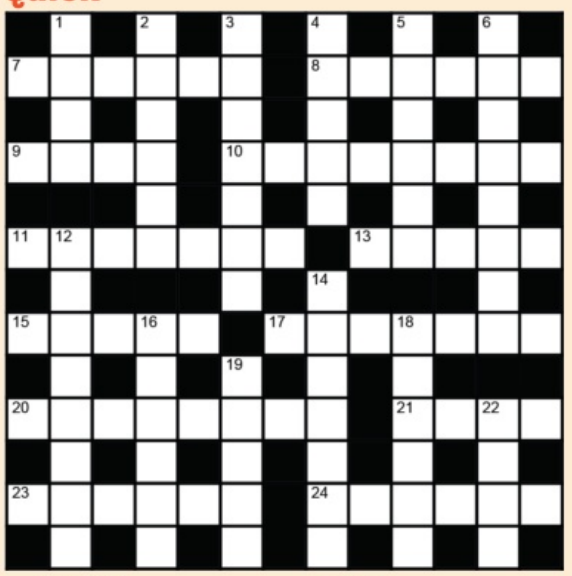


ACROSS

7 Concurs or complies with (6)
8 Move upward (6)
9 Clue or tip (4)
10 Not easily understood (8)
11 Extended (7)
13 Transmits (5)
15 Male relative (5)
17 Calls for (7)
20 Opinionated, intolerably authoritative (8)
21 Impulse (4)
23 Somnolent (6)
24 City in Uttar Pradesh (6)

DOWN

1 Prefix meaning "fire" (4)
2 Insect with hard back (6)
3 Conscience-stricken (7)
4 Outmoded (5)
5 Sparse (6)
6 Unilateral (3-5)
12 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
14 Greet (7)
16 Hobbled (6)
18 Charm; talisman (6)
19 Remains or resides in a place or condition (5)
22 Dejected (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS P

JNK AKWRCU XNB XCAAB VQYYR HCAK SKCSYK JNWU XCAV QR JNWJ HCAK SKCSYK XCAAB JNWU XCAV.

Linemaro

You had me at 'Hello', which was actually directed to the person next tome

Mindchow

The greatest and most powerful revolutions often start very quietly, hidden in the shadows

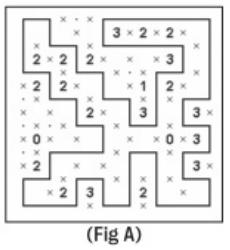
Joke of the day

I would go through many things for you. Let's start with your bank account

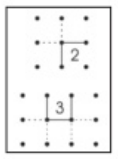
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

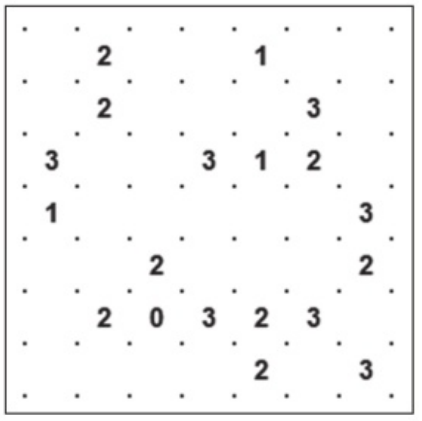


(Fig B) Not Allowed

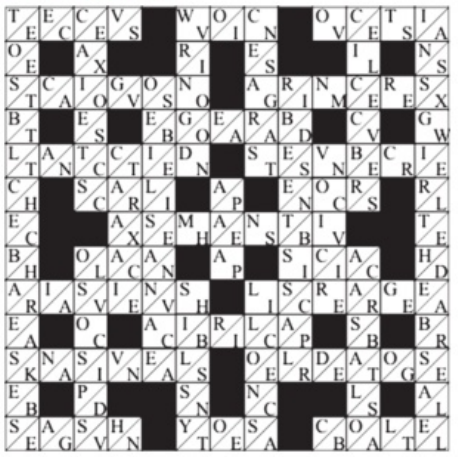
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8		K		
9				

ACROSS

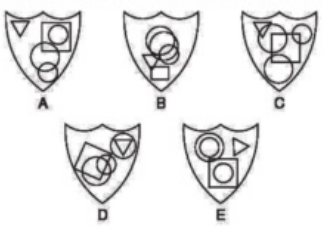
1 OK Sam; 6 Hap he;
7 Peaks; 8 Dr Ike;
9 Is Con

DOWN

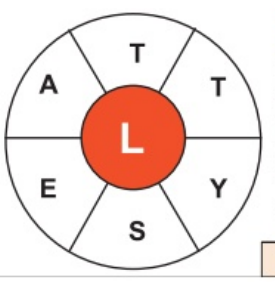
1 Sic me; 2 A prop;
3 Ha Kik; 4 On kea;
5 He's SD

Mensapuzzle

To which shield below can a dot be added so that it meets the same conditions as in the shield above?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; 16 Good; 18 Outstanding

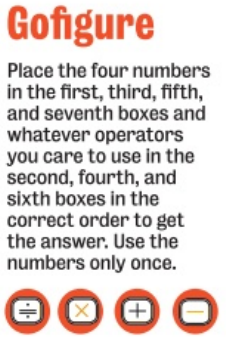
SudokuChallenge

		7				5		
1	2		5		7		8	9
8		3				1		6
3				9				1
			1		6			
4				5				8
9		5				8		3
2	1		3		9		4	5
		8				6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 24
2 6 7 9

Medium = 30
1 2 6 9

Hard = 63
3 7 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

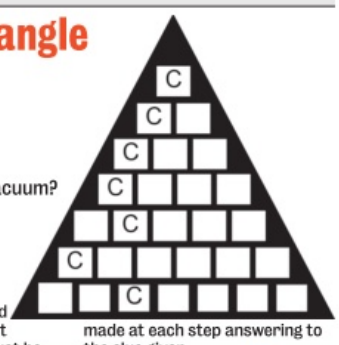
Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Lampshade is different. 4. Sandwich is reversed. 5. Soda can is moved. 6. Hair is different.

Riddler

What does the rebus given below signify? P INE

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Care of, abbr.
3 Portable bed
4 Price paid
5 Talent hound
6 Enumerates
7 Establishing of vacuum?



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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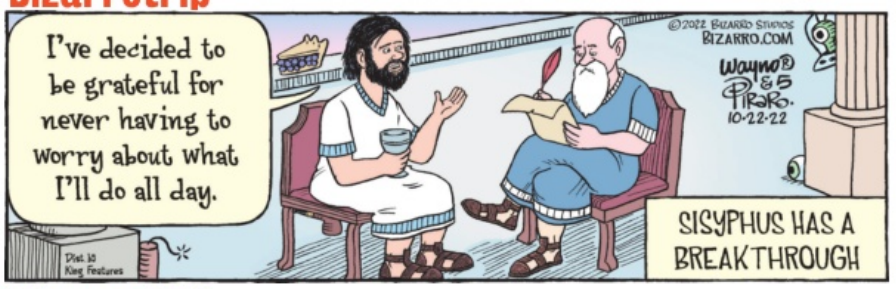
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SISYPHUS HAS A BREAKTHROUGH

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

MY QUESTION IS WHY YOU WANTED ME TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY.
HONESTLY... I WANTED SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH.
KAT'S TOO BUSY CLEANING HER ROOM. SHARI HAS HER OWN FRIENDS. I JUST HAVE ME.
AND NOW ME.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may go away. Your earnings may convert to profits now. You are likely to invest for a long term period. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your soulmate. Students may hear good news in terms of their academics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may perform well on the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your subordinates. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now, which may increase confidence levels. You may use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your spiritual power can make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. you may also take an interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. But It is advised to keep your views to yourself.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel dull. You may have a lack of patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before taking an important decision. With the help of meditation and chanting mantras, you may find peace. You may get deep knowledge on a topic.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may help you to improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your work, which will pay you off in terms of future gains. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Lovebirds are advised to be clear in their views with each other to maintain harmony in the relationship.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Messy things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your boss and you are likely to get new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Money which was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. It may help with savings. You may hear some good news in terms of legal matters. Issues with siblings are likely to be resolved.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may hear good news in terms of a job. You may plan for higher studies to groom your career. You may also be busy with some motivational events. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may plan for a change in place, but it is advised to postpone any decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, situations may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of your elders, you may control a messy situation.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may have good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which will speed up your projects. Your subordinates may cooperate with you. It may help you to complete the project before time. There may be some short travels related to work. You are likely to meet an influential person who will help you to boost your business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may spend money to buy some creative items or artefacts to renovate your house. This may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans into your family business. It will pay you off in term of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. You must avoid straightforwardness today. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find suitable work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy and may become impatient. You may find it difficult to perform your tasks and are not able to fulfil your desires. You want to be detached from your given responsibilities. You may not be able to complete any task.

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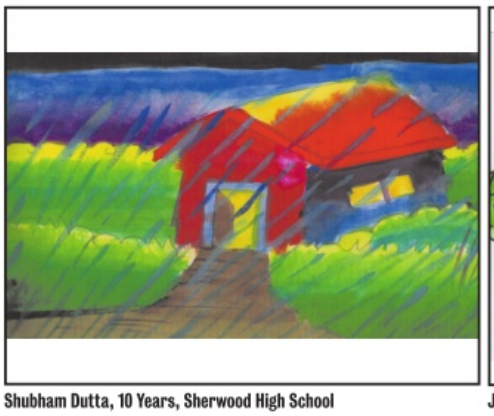

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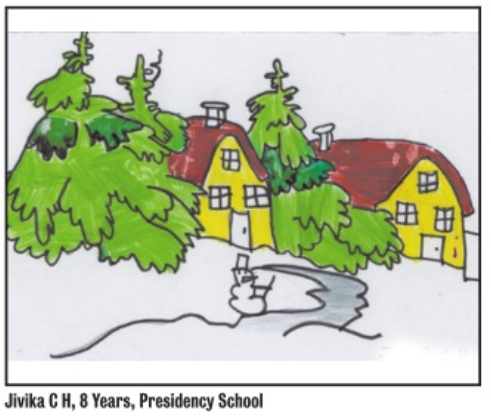

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SOLUTIONS

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=4.1×64
=262.4

RIDDLER
Pine cone (pine in the shape of a cone).

FAST FIVE

M	A	K	O	S
E	P	H	A	H
S	P	A	K	E
I	R	K	E	D
C	O	I	N	S

QUOTE UNCODE
The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.

STRIKE OUT

S	A	S	H		Y	E	S		C	A	L	L		
E		D								L				
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: so that the dot is in the square and two circles.

BULL'S EYE
last, late, latest, least, lest, sale, salt, salty, seal, slat, slate, slay, stale, STATELY, steal, style, tale, teal

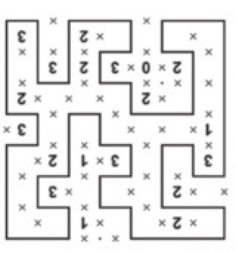
7	3	8	4	1	5	6	9	2
2	1	6	3	8	9	7	4	5
9	4	5	6	7	2	8	1	3
4	7	1	2	5	3	9	6	8
5	8	9	1	4	6	2	3	7
3	6	2	7	9	8	4	5	1
8	5	3	9	2	4	1	7	6
1	2	4	5	6	7	3	8	9
6	9	7	8	3	1	5	2	4

SUDOKU

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, Co, Cot, Coast, Scout, Counts, Suction.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 9 + 7 + 2 = 24
Medium
6 + 9 x 2 − 1 = 30
Hard
7 + 5 − 3 x 7 = 63

LOOP



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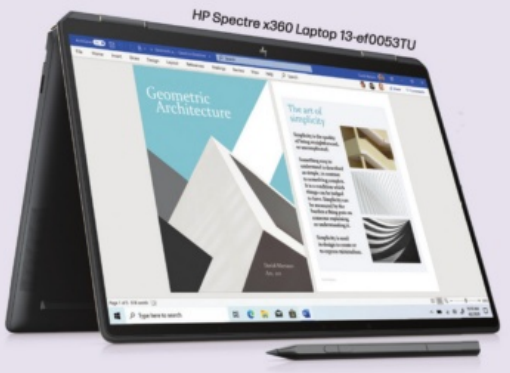

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